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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy for Technology, Office of Special Activities

ATTENTION : Chief, Engineering Analysis Division 25X1A2d2

SUBJECT : Broadened Scope of Activities at [REDACTED]

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1. At his 19 September Staff Meeting, Dr. Wheelon reported on his visit to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] 18 September. I gathered from what he said that he spoke in fairly general terms to the membership at that organization with emphasis upon broadening their scope of interests and activities beyond that currently envisioned. The reception afforded his remarks was apparently quite spontaneously favorable--so much so that another meeting is planned in [REDACTED] 7 October to follow up on the subject.

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2. Dr. Wheelon has asked that each component within DD/S&T examine carefully its present and anticipated areas of scientific investigation to see if there may not be some fairly concrete areas in which [REDACTED] can participate for the common good. In a sense this comes under the heading of an examination of the utilization of [REDACTED] within DD/S&T.

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3. I attribute some of the enthusiasm mentioned by Dr. Wheelon as being present at [REDACTED] and among the trustees to an expectation on their part that they may be somehow returning to the rather halcyon prospects which attended the birth of that organization under Dick Bissell a good many years ago; i. e., conducting basic scientific research in a number of disciplines as opposed to the rather rigorous life of anti-radar investigations and a modicum of life science activity which has principally engaged them since their beginnings. [REDACTED] particularly was reported to be extremely interested in expanding [REDACTED] support role in the research field.

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4. Please examine this matter within your own area, bearing in mind the level of competence at [REDACTED] and prepare, if you will, a

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paper for Colonel Ledford's signature to DD/S&T no later than 1 October
which is responsive to the question of the manner in which OSA might more
widely utilize [REDACTED] as an ex-cathedra mechanism supporting our
activities.

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